

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 955

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eunice Mitchell Clark of Fulton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Eunice Mitchell Clark; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on August 25, 1972 in Florence, Alabama, Eunice Mitchell Clark was a graduate of Grove High School in Paris, Tennessee and Whitworth College in Brookhaven, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, a noted columnist for the *Fulton Daily Leader*, Ms. Clark used her remarkable humor and unique insights to author the human interest column, "Small Talk," in which she regularly revealed the daily ins and outs and highs and lows of her children, grandchildren, husband, and their newspaper business; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the fabric of our history is a rich tapestry of dates, places, people, and events, Ms. Clark honored those who went before and acknowledged their contributions through her genealogical column, "Kentucky Kin;" and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark became the Editor of the *Fulton Daily Leader* in 1955 and its Publisher in 1977, in which positions she served with acumen and alacrity until her retirement in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, where she faithfully served her Lord for more than forty years by teaching several adult Sunday School classes and serving on various boards and committees, including as a president and member of the United Methodist Women; and

WHEREAS, a direct descendant of a patriot who helped achieve American independence, Eunice Mitchell Clark was a distinguished member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a charter member and regent of the Jacob Flounoy Chapter; and

WHEREAS, she also devoted her time and tremendous talents as a member and president of the Fulton Woman's Club; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Clark was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark was preceded in death by her parents, William Percy and Lucy Cowan Williams; her first husband, Vyron Mitchell, Sr.; her second husband, Virgil B. Clark; her stepson, Ben Clark; four brothers, Percy Williams, James C. Williams, Bryant Williams, and H. Lee Williams; and two great-grandchildren, John Scott Wheeler and Molly Irene Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Clark is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Vyron Jr. and Cynthia Mitchell, William and Rita Mitchell, and John and Kathy Mitchell; her daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Elizabeth and Eddie Prehm, Rebecca Allen, and Cindy and Kurt Rodenberger; her stepdaughter, Amy Grassham; twenty-two grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; forty-four great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Reverend C. Ernest Williams; her sister, Jeane Herrman; her dear friend, Eula Rose; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Mitchell Clark leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Eunice Mitchell Clark, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Clark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.